

Lt. Col. Wintermute of Salem Leads Air Attack to Permit Advance of Trapped Units

NORTH DOGPATCH AIR BASE IN KOREA—Close U. S. Far East Air Force fighter-support to the extent of placing an empty .50-caliber shell casing into the rear of a jeep—resulted in the relief of a U.N. Infantry unit entrapped by enemy forces recently.

In response to an emergency call for air support in an area three miles north of Ipsok, Fifth Air F-51's, led by Lt. Col. Ira F. Wintermute of Salem, Ore., commander of the 18th Fighter-Bomber group, dived down on a straggling unit.

Chlorinated Lime Explodes, Scatters Gas

DAGGETT, Calif., Dec. 13—(AP)—Hundreds of tons of chlorinated lime exploded at a marine corps supply base today, scattering dangerous gas over a vast area of the Mojave desert and forcing 500 persons to flee their homes briefly.

A spark from a bulldozer scraper was believed to have ignited the gases, perhaps created by moisture reaching the lime. The blast sent a cloud of gaseous smoke hundreds of feet into the air.

No serious injuries were reported. Marine corps chemical crews, scattered throughout the area, reported the danger was over five hours after the explosion.

1950 Oregon Payrolls to Top \$1 Billion

Payrolls of firms covered by the Oregon unemployment compensation law will pass the billion-dollar mark this year for the first time, the unemployment commission reported Wednesday in Salem.

The commission made its prediction after finding out that payrolls for the first months this year were at an all-time record of \$480,969,969, a 2.7 per cent increase over the similar period of last year.

The record for a whole year was \$973,102,458, set in 1948. But this year payrolls are running ahead of that year.

Multnomah county's payroll of \$210,278,551 in the first six months of 1950 was \$1,600,000 less than in the similar period of last year.

Lane county was second with \$38,214,647. Marion county third with \$20,013,898.

Scarlet Fever Cancels Brush College Meet

Statesman News Service BRUSH COLLEGE, Dec. 13—The December meeting of the Brush College Helpers club which was scheduled for Thursday has been cancelled because of scarlet fever in this district.

The families here are quarantined with scarlet fever at present. Next meeting of the Helpers club will be Thursday, January 25.

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GM, Ford Hold Firm Against 'Ultimatum'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—General Motors and Ford held firm today for the time being at least, against a virtual government "ultimatum" to roll back their 1951 car price boosts or risk a federal crackdown.

An official announcement said economic stabilizer Alan Valentine told the companies that unless they complied with his plea for voluntary hold-the-line action, it would be difficult to avoid "mandatory controls on the nation's economy."

The announcement followed day-long talks between Valentine and his price-control deputy, Michael V. Disalle, on the one side and the nation's 10 big auto manufacturers, on the other.

Demos Protest Cut in Senate Committees

PORTLAND, Dec. 13—(AP)—Two Oregon democrats have written letters to Sen. Paul L. Patterson, Hillsboro republican, protesting a reduction in the number of state senate committees.

Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles, said he and Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, had written the letters. Patterson claims enough pledges for election as senate president.

Such a reduction would leave some senators without committee chairmanships.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland democrat, supported the committee reduction proposal.

The state legislature opens its session January 8.

Wendel Weddle New President of Funeral Directors

Wendel E. Weddle of Stayton was elected Tuesday night as president of Central Willamette district of Oregon Funeral Directors association, at a Salem meeting in the Oak Barbecue pit.

Other new officers are Don E. Barrick, Salem, vice president, and Charles C. Edwards, Salem, secretary. Retiring president is Edward G. Unger.

Gas Antidote Used On Nerve Disorder

CLEVELAND—(INS)—Many thousands of diabetics who are crippled by uretitis may find release from pain through the use of an antidote for poison war gas.

The new pain killer is called British anti-lewisite, or BAL, as it is more commonly known.

The British developed BAL in England during World War II as a defense against deadly lewisite poison gas. After the war it was used in the treatment of arsenic and mercury poisoning and in certain types of nerve disorders.

Doctors at Cleveland clinic later decided to try the new drug in cases of diabetic neuritis which has long baffled medical authorities.

The doctors have already used BAL on 22 patients who were suffering from diabetic neuritis. After injections of BAL for periods from seven to 14 days, 12 of the patients were freed from pain. The other 10 remained the same.

Dr. Robert W. Schneider of the clinic's diabetic department said no conclusions can be made at the present time as to the value of BAL in treating diabetic neuritis but the results from the 22 cases, he said, are very encouraging.

New Propeller Boosts Air Speed

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif.—(AP)—The airplane propeller is about to get a new lease on life despite the arrival of the jet age. A new laboratory creation called a supersonic propeller is being tested by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) for possible use on planes traveling 500 to 700 miles an hour, which is just under the speed of sound.

The new type need be only half the size of the conventional propeller. Its blades are much thinner and are pitched at smaller angles. It is intended to operate efficiently when its surfaces are moving through air at supersonic speeds. This situation sometimes exists for propellers on ordinary planes.

GERMANS GIVEN CONTROL BONN, Germany, Dec. 13—(AP)—The allied high commission today turned over to the west German government the administration of the German railway police.



MADONNA PAINTING DISPLAYED—The ancient painting of Madonna, called the Madonna of "Salus Populi Romano (Salvation of the Roman People)," arrives at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome where it was placed on temporary display.



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Morse's Aide Plans to Retire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—Mrs. Helen K. Kiefer, administrative assistant to Senator Morse (R-Ore), said today she will retire this week-end after more than 30 years of service with Morse and the late Senator Charles L. McNary.

She was chief assistant to McNary when he was minority leader of the senate. After his death she became Morse's assistant in 1944.

Mrs. Kiefer, who will retire to her 300-acre farm near Frederick, Md., plans to devote herself to raising registered Hereford's, sheep and hogs.

London Claims Britain Has Share In Bomb Decision

LONDON, Dec. 13—(AP)—Qualified sources said tonight Prime Minister Attlee came back from his Washington talks with President Truman with a firm arrangement binding the United States not to act alone in using the atom bomb.

The prime minister may tell parliament tomorrow that the U. S. has pledged to consult Britain before taking any decision to use the weapon.

The sources said Attlee's statement tomorrow probably will go beyond the Washington communication issued after his talks with the president. That communique said President Truman hoped world conditions would never call for use of the atom bomb and "it was also his desire to keep the prime minister at all times informed about developments" which might change the situation.

LAND GRANT CLAIM KHARTOUM, Sudan—(AP)—A Dongola tribesman made a novel claim for government compensation in the death of his father in 1924. The tribesman wrote authorities that his father, while working in a government district office one hot summer day, drank white ant poison in mistake for water. The writer indicated this should be rewarded by a grant of land to his heirs. The official Sudan "Monthly Record," in reporting the incident, did not comment on the merits of the claim.

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Kelly Admits Losing Race In Michigan

DETROIT, Dec. 13—(AP)—Republican former Governor Harry F. Kelly, the apparent winner for three days after Michigan's November 7 gubernatorial election, finally conceded his defeat tonight by incumbent Democratic Governor G. Mennen Williams.

Kelly tossed in the sponge after twelve days of a recount during which weary workers had rechecked more than three-fourths of the nearly 1,900,000 votes cast.

Williams, youthful heir to a shaving cream fortune, pulled into a 1,154-vote lead after the official canvass.

Ballots in 3,408 of Michigan's 4,355 precincts had been recounted when the end came. Williams had picked up 3,089 additional votes by that time, bringing his total margin to 4,243.

Lucky Sergeant Gets Reception

LAUSANNE, Switzerland—(INS) Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Blackwell of Atlanta, Ga., travelling in Switzerland while on leave from the Army of Occupation in Germany, had a pleasant surprise recently when they arrived at the Palace Hotel in Lausanne.

Rene Majonnet, the manager, told them: "You are the 100th and 101st Americans to come here this month. That's a record, and we would like to have a reception in your honor this afternoon. And during your entire stay here you will be non-paying guests. The house is yours."

A dozen persons attended the reception for the Atlanta couple, including Paul Martinet, director of the Swiss National Tourist Office, and members of the staff of the Lausanne Tourist Office. Monsieur Paul-Henri Jaccard, director of the Association of Lausanne Interests, presented Mrs. Blackwell with a huge bouquet of carnations.

"Of course we were overwhelmed," Mrs. Blackwell said, "but after you've been in Switzerland awhile you almost expect things like that to happen. The Swiss are the most hospitable people I have ever seen."

YUGOSLAV RELIEF ARRIVES BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 13—(AP)—The second shipment of emergency relief food from the United States for famine-threatened Yugoslavia arrived today at the Adriatic port of Rijeka (Fiume) aboard the Yugoslav freighter Croatia.

FLOOD DAMAGE COMPILED STOCKTON, Calif., Dec. 13—(AP) November—December flood damage in northern California was estimated today by U. S. army engineers at \$28,525,000.

Mayor-Elect Loucks Backs Civic Alliance

Mayor-Elect Al W. Loucks Wednesday night endorsed the new Salem Civic Alliance of service clubs as the "overall organization that can boost the community by studying its needs and acting on them."

Loucks, addressing representatives of 13 service clubs at the Senator hotel, said, "Organization for the sake of organization is meaningless. The group must have a definite function. It could be the link that is missing in the city today."

Representatives appointed an interim committee to draft tentative organizational plans. The committee will determine how extensive the membership should be and will outline major projects of the new alliance, subject to approval of the general membership.

Committee members and the groups they represent include: Stephen Fouchek, Capitol post 9, American Legion; J. Ray Rhoten, Salem post 136, American Legion; Thomas Churchill, Salem Isak Walton League; Stearns Cushing, East Salem Lions club; Ed Schreder, Salem Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Robert Hutcheon, Salem Council of Women's Organizations; Ed Randle, Hollywood Lions club; and Bernard Shevach, Salem Optimist club.

The committee will meet January 10, after which another general session of the alliance will be held.

Silke to Manage Freshman Glee

Harold Silke will be manager of Willamette university's next Freshman Glee.

Freshman students chose Silke for the post in a run-off election which ended Wednesday, according to Kent Myers, Salem, freshman class president. Silke's home is at Springfield.

Freshman Glee, Willamette's singing—marching—drilling contest, is scheduled for presentation in March.

Rangoon Residents Drink Less Coffee

RANGOON—(AP)—There is a shortage of coffee here. There is plenty of coffee in the country. Burma grows the stuff. But rebels infest the regions where the plantations abound.

They're fighting in the hills. Result—no coffee for the rest of the country. When the rebels first got astride the coffee hills of eastern Burma it was decided to import the berries. Importation was through government issued permits. This year somebody apparently forgot to issue the permits.

The price of coffee has reached the all-time high of \$2 per pound. Earlier the AFL Metal Trades council reported skilled workers were going to other cities.

Application Blank for Civilian Defense Duties

Persons who wish to volunteer for duties in civilian defense of Marion county may go to Salem police station, or to veterans' organizations or they may fill out this blank and mail it to Col. Mark Hillary, defense director, c/o Marion county sheriff's office, Salem.

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Town..... Phone.....
Present Occupation.....
Other Skills.....
Course of defense training you would like.....

Drink from Bottle Containing Dead Mouse Decides Case

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13—(AP)—A University of Oklahoma medical school professor apparently knows from whereof he speaks—and drinks. Dr. Hoax F. Marsh, professor of bacteriology, drank from a soft drink bottle occupied by a dead mouse today.

His action came in the role of an expert witness for a bottling company in an \$8,000 damage suit in district court.

The surprise maneuver startled Judge Glen O. Morris and the jury. The lawyer who dared the professor to drink from the bottle was shocked the most. It caused the judge to order a directed verdict for the bottling company.

Thomas M. Owen, a utility company employe, charged he drank from the bottle last March 15—that it had a "peculiar obnoxious and offensive taste." He said it caused him to suffer stomach spasms and nausea.

He told the jury he had been unable to digest his food and had lost weight.

In his testimony, Dr. Marsh said he had purchased several bottles of the drink and found it contained from two to seven per cent acid.

He explained he had placed bacteria harmful to the human body into soft drinks and found the bacteria gone after 72 hours.

"The acid did the trick," the professor said. Clutching his partially filled bottle—mouse and all—Attorney Bob Bates questioned: "Do you mean to say that this would not be harmful to the human body?"

That's right, the doctor replied. "It would be repugnant to most people to think of drinking it, but it wouldn't hurt you."

"Would you drink it?" the young lawyer asked.

"Why yes," the doctor answered without hesitation.

Dr. Marsh calmly removed the top from the bottle, raised it to his lips and drained it. The mouse stayed inside.

"Tastes a little musty, that's all," he commented, smacking his lips.

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